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Dear Mr. Smith:

I noticed the article you had in the Toronto Daily Star which I am enclosing. And I'm so glad that someone asked what we thought about taxes. And my husband and I have lived in this mining town of Falconbridge ever since it started 35 years ago and my husband is a mine mechanic underground where it is a dangerous, hard-working job. And in 5½ years more, he'll be pensioned off, which by then he'll have worked 40 years with this mining company. So you see we sure know all about the whole Northern Ontario district. And just think, how long we've paid out heavy income taxes, so bad now that when he gets his check he could almost cry and its this way with thousands more we know. But there's just him and I so we are extremely heavily taxed and it climbs much more every year. So Mr. Smith, its a total disgrace to think how any government that is in power, but especially the Prime Minister, Lester Pearson, who had the gall to let his own politicians raise their own salaries to an enormous unwarranted sum and more so to boast of them getting all their vacations with 2 to 3 thousand tax free and most of their expenditures paid. Now let me tell you Mr. Smith, that it's our hard working men and husbands who make the jobs for those greedy, heartless government staff. And its high time, long ago, that us old timers had a break in these ungodly taxes we pay. We, and thousands more voted for him for the first time and its been a big mistake. Just imagine all the 4 to 5 years they fought about getting amiss in the old age pension and now they give in to give the most miserable, non-sufficient, even at $75 per month with the cost of living, doctors, drugs going sky high every day. Still they sit there in the Government House with their fat unneeded, unearned 18,000 to 20,000 dollar salary not even caring one bit about how we ordinary workers and pension-

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ers should not have to put up with the greedy heartless outfit. Just look at all the many years our taxes paid for all the governments storage of the billions of pounds of rotten butter.

Now we have two close friends working in the government buildings in Ottawa, and they aren't the big-moneyed ones. More so, Mr. Smith, why don't we get even our vacation's tax free etc. Everyone should be used the same. More so, Mr. Smith, the government raised our taxes to pay for the $10.00 extra for the pensioners. All we know is taxes and more taxes. Now they'r making money orders costlier and parcels as well. Just look at the billions of revenue they get -- 11¢ on every drug prescription, more billions on cigarettes, billions on beer, liquors, soft drinks, and hundreds of other items. Pearson should tax the horse races for more at Toronto Woodbine. They get billions in our mining revenue also from jails, courts and all this I can prove as I'm just getting over a terrible car accident of 2½ years ago, now in which I was almost killed. You'll notice by my awful writing that my nerves are bad yet. Was on my back for a year and what a bill to pay for drugs, nurses, etc. I just wish there were some men in our government as smart as you Mr. Smith as they sure can't handle the money wisely and lots of money that us common workers are never told what the government does with it and they keep harping how they are going to fulfill the unemployment. Well, here's the true answer, just take a big survey of all the young and older married women that work, and whom their husbands get big wages, yet they are taking men's jobs. Now we see a lot of that more so that's why we have so much delinquincy among these married women's children and we see hundreds of cases of this right here in the whole north country but its all over. So its high time the government would take a complete survey and they would get their eyes open. And give lots of our unemployed men the jobs.

Well Mr. Smith, I sure hope I haven't bored you but you can pick out all my sincere and true items of most interest, and at your meeting coming up soon you can put in most of my suggestions but above all that government has the money, loads of it, to cut our taxes as well as the government paying the extra old age pensioners $10.00 more pay but it absolutely should be paid to us all at the age 65 so's in our older days we could still enjoy some happy years.

Yours most sincerely,

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